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The Honorable Sam Farr U. S. House of Representatives 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, California 95060

Dear Congressman Farr:

Thank you for your letter of June 6, 1997, on behalf of your constituent, Robert Guidi, regarding the status of three 931 MHz paging applications filed by Mr. Guidi.

On February 20, 1997, the Commission released a <u>Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making</u> that adopted rules governing geographic area licensing for paging licenses and established competitive bidding procedures for those systems. Specifically, the Commission determined that all mutually exclusive applications for non-nationwide common carrier paging licenses and exclusive non-nationwide private carrier paging channels would be subject to competitive bidding procedures. The Commission also decided to dismiss all applications filed after July 31, 1996 and all pending mutually exclusive applications which could not be resolved under our pre-existing rules.

Assigning frequencies by auction helps deter fraud and speculation and ensures that this valuable public resource is assigned rapidly and efficiently to the parties who value it the most, rather than given away to the first party who files its application with the Commission. The Commission has stated its belief in other contexts (such as SMR) that auctions will minimize administrative or judicial delays in licensing, particularly in comparison to other licensing methods such as comparative hearings, lotteries (which are specifically prohibited by the statute if the service is auctionable), or "first-come, first-served" procedures.

These facts regarding the rulemaking proceeding are a matter of public record in the Commission's rules, orders, and public notices. If Mr. Guidi used an application preparation service and was not advised of these facts, he could be a victim of a fraudulent application investment scheme. The Commission, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Trade Commission are investigating fraudulent investment schemes involving paging and other wireless services. Generally, the perpetrators target unsophisticated investors and represent that paging licenses have a great value that can be recouped through subsequent sale. Investors also may be deceived or unaware of the obligations with which licensees must comply. Unfortunately, investors who are induced to file applications are often targeted a second time by different fraud perpetrators offering to construct the paging system. The FCC Call Center, 1-888-CALL-FCC (225-5322), will forward data from telemarketing fraud victims to the National Fraud Information Center where it is made available to law

enforcement personnel on a nationwide basis. We strongly recommend that Mr. Guidi call the FCC Call Center and provide the Call Center representative with information pertaining to the paging application investment. Additionally, Mr. Guidi may also wish to promptly contact his State Commission, State Attorney General or the National Fraud center directly at 1-800-876-7060.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

David L. Furth

Chief, Commercial Wireless Division Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

SAM FARR
17TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, **DC** 20515-0517

June 6, 1997

Federal Communications Commission Office of Congressional Affairs 1919 "M" Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

RE:

Mr. Robert Guidi

792 Paradise Canyon Road Prunedale, CA 93907

Dear Friends:

I am writing on behalf of the above-referenced constituent, who has contacted my office for some assistance. The concern or request is described on the attached document, and I would appreciate your office's assistance with this matter.

Would you, accordingly, please reply to me regarding the issues which this constituent has brought to my attention?

Your response can be sent to my office at 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California 95060, to the attention of Sallie Johnson. (FAX 408-429-1458.) Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

SAM FARR

Member of Congress

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MEMO:

May 29, 1997 Monterey

FROM:

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RE:

Robert Guidi

792 Paradise Canyon Road Prunedale, CA 93907

728-0522

FCC/FTC

Open Case concerning licenses from the FCC

Mr. Guidi called on Friday, May 23 to say that he still has not had a response from the FCC regarding three licenses that he applied for. He believes that the FCC is not granting him the licenses because they are waiting for the conclusion of a court case that Mr. Guidi has with the FTC (case #96-0455 U.S. District Court).

Mr. Guidi would like the Congressman's assistance either getting the licenses that he applied for, or getting compensated for the money that he put out to apply for the licenses.

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Mr. Robert Guidi 792 Paradise Canyon Road Prunedale, California 93907

Dear Mr. Guidi:

I have received information in response to my inquiry on your behalf with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, BC 20515-0517

October 29, 1996

Ms. Betty Johnson of the FCC called to report that paging licenses will not be granted until pending rulemaking proceedings are finalized. Ms. Johnson could not provide any time frame for that action.

I appreciate the opportunity of looking into this matter for you. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you in the future.

Sincerely.

SAM FARR

Member of Congress

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RE:

Mr. Robert Guidi

792 Paradise Canyon Road Prunedale, CA 939907

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FCC UPDATE ON LICENSES

Mr. Guidi would like the Federal Communications Commission to provide him with an update regarding his applications for three "931" licenses. Mr. Guidi previously contacted Mr. Farr regarding this matter, and was informed (in July, 1996) that there is a backlog of applications at the agency. He wonders if there has been any progress with his application since then.

AUTHORIZATION FORM

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE SAM FARR, MEMBER OF CONGRESS, TO INVESTIGATE MY CASE WITH ALL NECESSARY AGENCIES IN ORDER TO ASSIST ME WITH MY SITUATION INVOLVING

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MEMO Monterey March 13, 1996

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RE:

Mr. Robert Guidi

792 Paradise Canyon Road

Prunedale, CA 93907

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STATUS OF "931 LICENSE"/FCC APPROVAL NEEDED

Mr. Guidi would like Congressman Farr to find out the status of his application to obtain three "931" licenses. These particular licenses are exclusive, meaning each license is issued to one individual only. They are primarily used for purposes of gaining various frequencies for beepers/pagers and cell phones. Mr. Guidi paid Bell Connections, a private company, \$9000 in March of 1995 to help him obtain the licenses. The company submitted his application for him to the FCC. Mr. Guidi received correspondence from the FCC in January 1996, which stated that he would receive further details about his application earlier this month. He has not yet received any additional correspondence from the agency.

Mr. Guidi believes that all applications may have been frozen due to a federal investigation. He would like to know if processing of the applications have resumed. If, in fact they are currently processing these applications, he would like to know the status of his paperwork.

AUTH SENT (he will provide his social security number and case/application number on the Auth)